

Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will disappear. At times I have received lousy phone service. I show my displeasure with a carrier by signing on with their competitor. If you leave me with the choice of the phone service or cable company as an ISP, I might as well get rid of my computer. I teach, as a committment, not a hobby and don't have the additional budget to see my monthly ISP fee increase 4 fold. I benefit from the competition. If ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. I need to be able to complete school work from my home computer. Don't deny me this necessary affordable access.